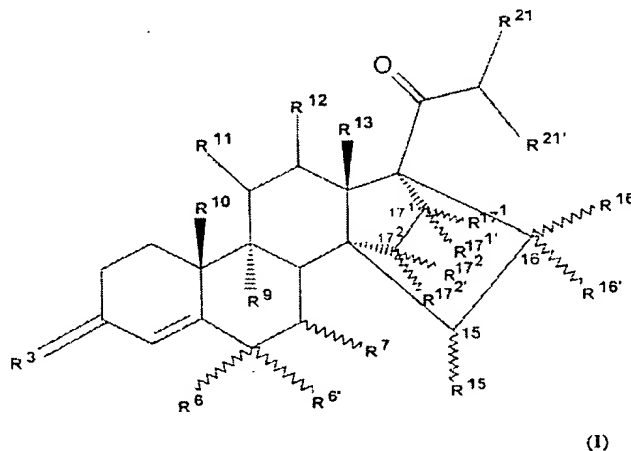


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination that consists of~~ A combination comprising at least one gestagen and a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or ~~derivatives~~ a derivative of these cyclodextrins  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin, which ~~are~~ is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of ~~the cyclodextrins~~, whereby cyclodextrin, wherein the gestagen is a 14,17- $C_2$ -bridged steroid.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination according to claim 1, whereby the~~ A combination comprising at least one gestagen ~~gestagens belong to the group of formula I~~ and a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



in which

$R^3$  ~~stands for~~ is an oxygen atom, ~~the~~ a hydroxyimino group, or two hydrogen atoms,

$R^6$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical,

~~Whereby then wherein~~ wherein  $R^{6'}$  and  $R^7$  represent hydrogen atoms, or else

$R^{6'}$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical, ~~whereby then wherein~~  $R^{6'}$  and  $R^7$  represent a common additional bond,

$R^7$  ~~stands for~~ is an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical, ~~whereby then~~ wherein  $R^6$  and  $R^{6'}$  represent hydrogen atoms, or else

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  together stand for an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position methylene group, and  $R^{6'}$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, or  $R^6$  and  $R^{6'}$  together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and  $R^7$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom,

$R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

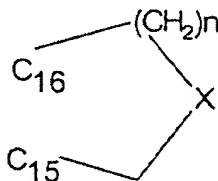
$R^{13}$  ~~stands for~~ is a methyl or ethyl group,

$R^{15}$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical,

$R^{16}$  and  $R^{16'}$ , independently of one another, stand for a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical or a  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl radical or together for a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkylidene group,

$R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  stand for a common bond, and  $R^{16'}$  stands for a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical, or

$R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  together stand for a ring of partial formula



in which  $n = 1$  and  $2$ , and  $X$  means a methylene group or an oxygen atom, and  $R^{16'}$  stands for a hydrogen atom,

$R^{17^1}$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical,

$R^{17^2}$  ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical, or a  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl radical,

$R^{17^1'}$  and  $R^{17^2'}$  in each case is a hydrogen atom or for a common bond,

R<sup>21</sup> ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl radical,

R<sup>21'</sup> ~~stands for~~ is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl radical, or a hydroxy group.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 2 ~~1, whereby wherein~~ the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 1, ~~whereby wherein~~ the cyclodextrin is a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 1, ~~whereby wherein~~ the cyclodextrin and the gestagen are present with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n (gestagen : cyclodextrin,  $n \geq 1$ ), and are present with  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin in a complex of 1:n ( $n \geq 1$ ) (gestagen : cyclodextrin).

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ The combination according to claim 6 which has been formulated as a stable, oral formulation.

8. (Withdrawn) Combination according to claim 6 for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for treating menopausal symptoms.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains~~ A pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination according to claim 1 ~~with and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants and vehicles~~ acceptable adjuvant or vehicle.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination agent or pharmaceutical preparation that contains a combination according to claim 1~~ The pharmaceutical composition of claim 10

which has been formulated for peroral, oral, parenteral, transdermal, pulmonary, nasal, rectal, vaginal or intrauterine use.

12. (Withdrawn) ~~Use of a combination according to claim 1 for the production of a medication for treating premenstrual symptoms, such as headaches, depression, water retention and mastodynia~~ A method for treating premenstrual symptoms comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for birth control ~~with administration of comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a combination composition~~ according to claim 1 10.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for stabilization of a gestagen according to ~~Formula I according to~~ of claim 2 1 ~~with use of~~ comprising mixing said gestagen with a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of these cyclodextrins a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin, which ~~are~~ is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of cyclodextrins.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin ~~while being triturated as a dry mixture or by precipitation reaction, preferably co-precipitation~~ comprising triturating said gestagen and said cyclodextrin to form a dry mixture of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A method for direct pelletizing of a gestagen complex according to claim 1 with a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin ~~with the addition of and a pharmaceutically compatible adjuvants~~ adjuvant comprising mixing said gestagen, cyclodextrin and said adjuvant to form a gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex and pelleting the gestagen-cyclodextrin-adjuvant complex.

17. (New) The combination of claim 2, wherein  $R^{21'}$  is a hydroxy group.

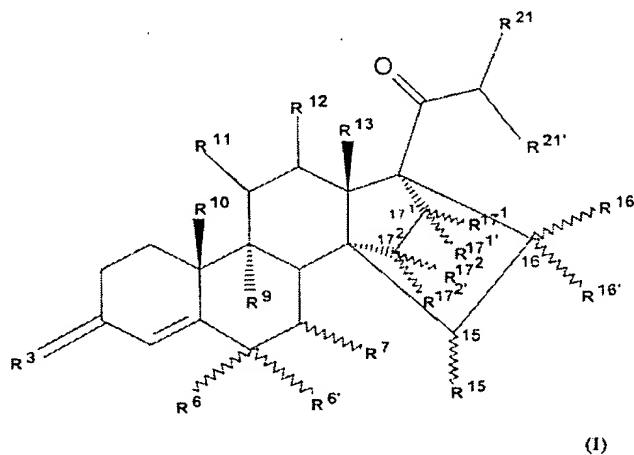
18. (New) The process of claim 15, wherein said precipitation reaction is a co-precipitation reaction.

19. (New) A process for complexing a gestagen according to claim 1 and a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin comprising adding an ethanolic solution of said gestagen to an aqueous solution of said cyclodextrin to form a precipitate of the gestagen-cyclodextrin complex.

20. (New) The combination according to claim 1, wherein the gestagen is a (21S)-21-hydroxy-21-methyl-14,17-ethano-19-norpregna-4,9,15-triene-3,20-dione and the cyclodextrin is a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

21. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein said premenstrual symptoms are headache, depression, water retention and mastodynia.

22. (New) A combination consisting of a gestagen and a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin or a derivative of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin, which is obtained by etherification or esterification of free alcoholic functions of a cyclodextrin, wherein said at least one gestagen is a compound of formula I:



in which

$R^3$  stands for an oxygen atom, the hydroxyimino group, or two hydrogen atoms,  
 $R^6$  stands for a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or for an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical,  
wherein then  $R^{6'}$  and  $R^7$  represent hydrogen atoms, or else  
 $R^{6'}$  stands for a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or for a  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical, wherein then  $R^{6'}$  and  $R^7$  represent a common additional bond,  
 $R^7$  stands for an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl radical, wherein then  $R^6$  and  $R^{6'}$  represent hydrogen atoms, or else

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  together stand for an  $\alpha$ - or  $\beta$ -position methylene group, and  $R^{6'}$  stands for a hydrogen atom, or  $R^6$  and  $R^{6'}$  together stand for an ethylene group or a methylene group, and  $R^7$  stands for a hydrogen atom,

$R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or a common bond,

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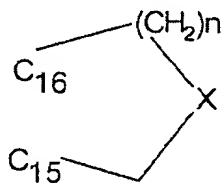
$R^{13}$  stands for a methyl or ethyl group,

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$R^{16}$  and  $R^{16'}$ , independently of one another, stand for a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical or a  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl radical or together for a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkylidene group,

$R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  stand for a common bond, and  $R^{16'}$  stands for a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical, or

$R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  together stand for a ring of partial formula



in which  $n = 1$  and  $2$ , and  $X$  means a methylene group or an oxygen atom, and  $R^{16'}$  stands for a

hydrogen atom,

$R^{171}$  stands for a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical,

$R^{172}$  stands for a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical, or a  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkenyl radical,

$R^{171'}$  and  $R^{172'}$  in each case stand for a hydrogen atom or for a common bond,

$R^{21}$  stands for a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical,

$R^{21'}$  stands for a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl radical, or a hydroxy group.